

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide investors with attractive risk-adjusted returns over the long-term by investing in high quality companies in the Asia ex Japan region.

#### PORTFOLIO UPDATE

The MSCI Asia ex Japan Index increased by 2.6% in AUD terms with the majority of regional markets posting positive returns. Singapore was the strongest performing market (+6.4%) driven by the Banking sector. In Indonesia (+1.2%) incumbent president Joko Widodo was re-elected, a result that we view as positive for the long-term stability of the country's economic growth. The Fund has an overweight position in Indonesia.

The Evans & Partners Asia Fund returned 3.9% in NTA terms, outperforming the benchmark by 1.3%. The Fund's best performing stock was the most famous of white liquor producers in China, Kweichow Moutai (+14%), which posted strong first quarter results amid solid demand. Naver Corp (-5%) detracted from performance despite reporting results in line with expectations for the first quarter, as its Japanese subsidiary LINE continued to underperform.

Asian markets have posted solid gains year-to-date (+14%), supported by strong earnings from major companies. News flow from US-China trade negotiations continues to drive market sentiment. A positive end to talks should benefit regional markets in Asia.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS





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# NTA per unit \$1.30

Unit price \$1.25 Gross assets

\$162.9 MILLION

12-month distribution yield (target)

Performance since inception (14 May 2018)<sup>1</sup>

4.0% 4.9%

# FUND PERFORMANCE

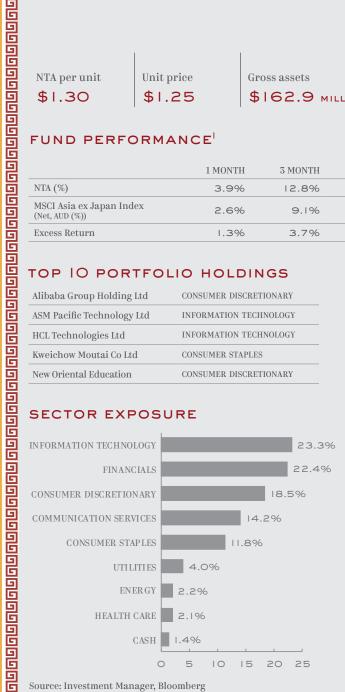
	1 MONTH	3 MONTH	6 MONTH	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION
NTA (%)	3.9%	12.8%	20.0%	-	-	-	4.9%
MSCI Asia ex Japan Index (Net, AUD (%))	2.6%	9.1%	16.7%	-	-	-	1.5%
Excess Return	1.3%	3.7%	3.4%	-	-	-	3.4%

# TOP IO PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY
ASM Pacific Technology Ltd	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
HCL Technologies Ltd	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Kweichow Moutai Co Ltd	CONSUMER STAPLES
New Oriental Education	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY

Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY			
Techtronic Industries Co Ltd	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY			
Tencent Holdings Ltd	COMMUNICATION SERVICES			
TSMC	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY			
United Overseas Bank Ltd	FINANCIALS			

#### SECTOR EXPOSURE

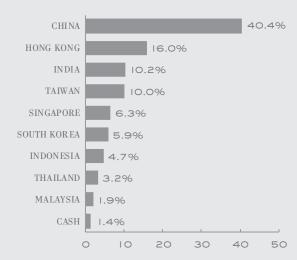


Source: Investment Manager, Bloomberg

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## COUNTRY EXPOSURE



Source: Bloomberg, Country of Domicile

Notes: Data at 30 April 2019 unless stated. Numbers may not sum due to rounding. 1. All returns are total returns, inclusive of reinvested distributions. NTA returns are net of fees and costs. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Inception 14 May 2018.



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